

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – Major Minerals - Constitution of state level and district level pre-auction committees to review geological reports and address land related issues prior to auction - Orders – Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 192

Dated: 13-11-2025

Read the following:

1. D.O.No:7/42/2024-Mines-IV, dt:03.11.2025 of Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India.
2. From the DM&G, A.P., e-File No:INC04/1021/2025-PLANNING SEC-DMG, (C.No:3028992), Dt: 06.11.2025.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India has requested all Category 'A' States to constitute Pre-Auction Committees with representatives from the Departments of Mines, Forest, and Revenue to address land scheduling issues before auction.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., has informed that, the District-level Committees shall undertake the main coordination and data validation work, while the State-level Committee shall perform the review and issue-resolution functions to ensure timely readiness of all mineral blocks proposed for auction.

3. The Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., has requested the Government to accord approval and issue necessary orders to constitute State level and District level pre-auction committees with the representatives of Mines and Geology, Forest, and Revenue departments to address land scheduling issues before auction and to issue necessary instructions to all District Collectors/District Forest Offices for timely provision of land classification data and inter-departmental coordination.

4. In the circumstances reported by the Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., in the reference 2nd read above, Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby constitute State & District-level pre- auction Committees with functions & meetings, with the representatives of Mines and Geology, Forest, and Revenue departments, to review and issue-resolution functions to ensure timely readiness of all mineral blocks proposed for auction & for coordination and data validation work as below:

1. State Level Pre- Auction Committee

(a) Composition

- i. Director of Mines & Geology - *Chairman*
- ii. Representative of Department of Mines & Geology not below the level of Joint Director – *Member Convenor*
- iii. Representative of Revenue Department not below the level of Joint Director – *Member*
- iv. Representative of Forest Department not below the level of Joint Director - *Member*
- v. Representative of any other Department concerned not - below the level of Joint Director (e.g., Endowments Department, if applicable) – *Special Invitee*.

(b) Functions

- i. Review reports and recommendations received from District Level Committees.
- ii. Monitor the progress of pre- auction activities across districts and identify bottlenecks.
- iii. Resolve inter-departmental issues or cases delayed at the district level.
- iv. Ensure uniformity and consistency in classification, land ownership interpretation, and documentation across districts.

- (c) Meetings:** The State Level Committee shall meet on a bi-monthly basis (once in two months) or as required, to review the progress and pendency reports submitted by District Level Committees and to expedite resolution of issues hindering pre-auction readiness.

2. District Level Pre-Auction Committee

(a) Composition

- i. Joint Collector (as designated by the District Collector) – *Chairman*
- ii. District Mines & Geology Officer – *Member Convenor*
- iii. District Representative of Revenue Department – *Member*
- iv. District Representative of Forest Department – *Member*
- v. Concerned Tahsildars – *Invitees*
- vi. Any other invitees, as applicable (Eg. Endowment Dept)-*Special Invitee*

(b) Functions

- i. Review geological reports and block boundaries of all major mineral blocks, identified for auction referred by DMG Office.
- ii. Examine land classification, ownership status, and forest overlays using updated cadastral and GIS maps.
- iii. Coordinate with Revenue, Forest, Mines and Geology and other Departments to resolve discrepancies in land classification and boundary alignment, facilitate all clearances, as required for auction of the blocks.
- iv. Finalization of land classification and ownership details for each block.
- v. Submit comprehensive reports to the Director of Mines & Geology for review by the State Level Committee.

(c) Meetings: The District Level Committee shall meet monthly to examine the referred geological reports, finalize land classification data, and review the status of pending inter- departmental inputs.

(d) Reporting: The District Mines and Geology Officer shall compile and forward the proceedings and progress reports of each meeting to the Department of Mines & Geology. DMG office shall maintain monitoring mechanism and follow up on pending items before finalization of auction notifications.

5. As the land classification data is a prerequisite for the auction of major mineral blocks, whose success has a direct bearing on the potential revenues of the State exchequer, accordingly;

- a. Considering the importance of timely availability of the data, all Tahsildars are instructed to furnish the land classification details of major mineral blocks within seven (7) days of receipt of request from the District Mines and Geology Officer or the authorized representative of the Director of Mines and Geology.
- b. All Tahsildars are specifically instructed to treat such requests with utmost priority, as the success and early operationalization of auctioned mineral blocks are being continuously monitored at the Prime Minister's Office on a quarterly basis and by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India on a monthly basis.

6. All the District Collectors/District Forest Offices are hereby instructed for timely provision of land classification data and inter-departmental coordination.

7. The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To

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The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department, A.P. Secretariat.

The Prl. Secretary to Government, the Environment, Forest, Science and
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The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Mines,
Shastry Bhavan, New Delhi.

The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines,
Indira Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

The Director General, Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Jharkhand.

The Regional Controller of Mines, Vijayawada.

The OSD to Minister (M&G)

The PS to Principal Secretary, I&C (Mines) Department, A.P. Secretariat.
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